

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Appln. No.:

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Title: CONNECTION WITH A COMPONENT FABRICATED OF A THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A process for the fashioning of a permanent connection between at least 2 components of an object, with at least one component thereof being a sealing or connecting component obtained by moulding of a thermoplastic elastomeric material, comprising:
- stretching said one component of thermoplastic elastomeric material;
 - relaxing said one component subjected to step (a) at ambient temperature;
 - placing said one component obtained in step (b) at the location of the desired connection in the object;